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Water for the Armed Forces

1. Water to be used by the troops was tested monthly by a civilian laboratory; in Stalin (Brasov) the Laboratory of Hygiene performed this work. If the water had to be treated before drinking, the unit physician had a supply of "cloramina", chlorinated lime in bulk manufactured by the Central Administration for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Centrala Industria Farmaceutica - CIF) in Bucharest. However, chlorinating tablets were not available to soldiers in the field nor did military units have any form of tester to determine the active chlorine content of the water to be drunk.

Waste Disposal

2. Military camps used open pit latrines. Sanitary instruction in the use and care of these latrines was the responsibility of the unit physician. Wastes were treated with chlorinated lime and covered with dirt.

Chemical Warfare Training

3. There was an officer responsible for indoctrinating the troops in chemical warfare defense. This was taught to the soldiers during their indoctrination at the start of their army service. Chemical warfare was not considered important in the Rumanian army and its significance was not impressed on the men. 25X1X

25X1X There was no knowledge of nerve gases among the Rumanian military personnel.

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Bacteriological Warfare Training

4. There was no BW training in the military forces.

Radiological Warfare Training

5. There was no AW training in the military forces. There was a meeting in 1948 in Cluj at the Faculty of Science (Facultatea de Stiinte) at which atomic energy was discussed, but, to my knowledge, this was the only interest ever shown by Rumania in the atomic bomb. The military forces had no individual research institutes, nor was there a research section in the military command.

MAI Physicians

6. The Ministry of the Interior (Ministerul Afacerilor Interne -- MAI) had an army of its own, independent of the Ministry of the Armed Forces (Ministerul Fortelor Armate -- MFA). The MAI consisted of two sections, the Securitatea Poporului which was a secret service type organization designed to maintain control of political thinking in the country, and the MAI Army, which resembled the MVD of the USSR, and was responsible for border patrol and internal policing by armed units. This MAI Army had its own physicians.

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